

CLAIMS

1. A method of playing golf, said method comprising the steps

of:

obtaining a golf ball having a first state wherein the golf ball has a first performance characteristic and a second state resulting from immersion of the golf ball in water for a time period greater than two days and less than one hundred eighty days in which the golf ball has a second performance characteristic that is different than the first performance characteristic;

striking the golf ball into an accumulation of water using a golf club; and

allowing the golf ball to remain immersed in the accumulation of water for more than two days so that the golf ball is caused by the water to be changed from the first state into the second state in a time period less than one hundred eighty days.

2. The golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the time period is greater than two days and less than thirty days.

2           3.       The golf ball according to claim 1 wherein the golf ball has a  
shape, size and hardness and the step of allowing the golf ball to remain  
immersed in the accumulation of water comprises allowing the golf ball to remain  
4       immersed so that at least one of the shape, size and hardness of the golf ball is  
changed as the golf ball is changed from the first state into the second state to the  
6       point that a user can detect a change from the first state into the second state by  
striking the golf ball.

          4.       A method of playing golf comprising the steps of:  
2           obtaining a golf ball having a first state wherein the golf ball has a  
first performance characteristic;  
4           placing the golf ball into an accumulation of water; and  
          causing the golf ball to remain immersed in the accumulation of  
6       water and to change into a second state after a period of no less than two days  
and no more than one hundred eighty days in which second state the golf ball has  
8       a second performance characteristic that is detectably different than the first  
performance characteristic.

5. The method of playing golf according to claim 4 further  
comprising the step of removing the golf ball from the accumulation of water after  
at least two days and determining that the golf ball has changed into the second  
state.

6. The method of playing golf according to claim 5 wherein the  
step of determining that the golf ball has changed into the second state comprises  
striking the golf ball with a golf club and observing the performance characteristics  
of the golf ball.

7. The method of playing golf according to claim 4 wherein the  
step of placing the golf ball into an accumulation of water comprises striking the  
golf ball into the accumulation of water using a golf club.